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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. MBFR: TEXT OF ALLIED PROPOSAL EMERGES FROM AD HOC GROUP

THE AD HOC GROUP, AFTER LONG AND ARDUOUS DISCUSSION, HAS AGREED TO SUBMIT THE WESTERN FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL TO THE EAST IN THE FORM OF A WRITTEN MEMORANDUM. THE TEXT OF THE MEMORANDUM NECESSARILY EMBODIES CERTAIN COMPROMISES, BUT THE US REPRESENTATIVE BELIEVES THE PAPER IS A GOOD ONE AND THE BEST THAT CAN BE OBTAINED. FURTHER, IT LAYS OUT THE ALLIED POSITION CLEARLY AND EFFECTIVELY ENOUGH TO BE A USEFUL INSTRUMENT IN THE COMING WEEKS OF NEGOTIATIONS, AND AN EFFECTIVE COUNTER TO THE SOVIET DRAFT. (SECRET) VIENNA 9513, 11/16.

2. FRENCH MILITARY APPREHENSIVE OF EFFECTS OF DETENTE

IN A DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR IRWIN, GENERAL MAURIN,
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CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE FRENCH ARMED FORCES, OUTLINED CURRENT FRENCH MILITARY THINKING, WHICH IS DOMINATED BY THE FEAR THAT DETENTE IS WEAKENING THE WESTERN WILL TO MAINTAIN FORCES ADEQUATE TO OPPOSE THE SOVIET THREAT.

GENERAL MAURIN SEES A DANGEROUS CYCLE OF WESTERN FORCE REDUCTIONS ARISING FROM THE EFFECT OF DETENTE ON WESTERN PERCEPTIONS OF SOVIET MILITARY INTENTIONS. (SECRET)
PARIS 29551, 11/16 (EXDIS/NOFORN).

3. SOVIETS REMAIN INTENT ON IMPROVED RELATIONS

EMBASSY MOSCOW CITES SEVERAL RECENT INDICATORS WHICH MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP IS INTENT UPON PURSUING THE COURSE OF IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE US. THE SOVIETS HAVE MINIMIZED DIFFERENCES OVER SUCH ISSUES AS THE MIDDLE EAST AND CONGRESSIONAL INHIBITIONS OVER THE GRANTING OF MFN STATUS TO THE USSR. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 14358, 11/16.

4. SOVIETS UNHAPPY OVER US ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST

EMBASSY MOSCOW SEES THE SOVIETS AS UNENTHUSIASTIC OVER THE US INITIATIVE IN STABILIZING THE MIDDLE EAST CEASE-FIRE WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE USSR. WHILE THEY PROBABLY WOULD NOT TRY TO UNDERMINE THE ARRANGEMENT, THE SOVIETS WOULD NOT BE UNHAPPY IF HITCHES SHOULD DEVELOP WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THEIR INTERCESSION. THE EMBASSY THINKS THE SOVIETS WILL NOW TRY TO GET BACK INTO THE GAME, ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER THEY WILL PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE OR TRY SPOILER TACTICS.
(CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 14332, 11/16.

5. EMBASSY RABAT ASSESSES IMPACT OF SECRETARY'S VISIT

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EMBASSY RABAT REPORTS THAT THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MOROCCO HAS HAD A GOOD EFFECT ON US-MOROCCAN RELATIONS. IT NOTES A MUCH MORE FAVORABLE ATTITUDE IN THE MOROCCAN PRESS AND MEDIA AND OF OFFICIALS TOWARDS THE US. THE EMBASSY STATES THAT KING HASSAN, WHO WAS DELIGHTED TO BE INCLUDED ON THE SECRETARY'S ITINERARY AND WAS REASSURED BY THE VISIT, IS USING HIS "LONG-STANDING AMERICAN CONNECTION" TO ENHANCE HIS CREDIBILITY AS A MAJOR ARAB STATESMAN.
(CONFIDENTIAL) RABAT 4999, 11/16.

6. SAUDI PRESSURE PUSHING JAPAN TO BREAKING POINT

PRIME MINISTER TANAKA HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR INGERSOLL THAT SAUDI ARABIA HAS DEMANDED THAT JAPAN PUBLICLY CALL FOR IMMEDIATE AND TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND RESTORATION OF THE JUST RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, MAKING IT CLEAR THAT IF ISRAEL DOES NOT RESPOND, JAPAN WILL BREAK DIPLOMATIC

RELATIONS. IF JAPAN FAILS TO TAKE SUCH ACTION, THE RATE OF REDUCTION OF THE OIL SUPPLY WILL BE INCREASED FROM THE PRESENT 20 PERCENT LEVEL TO 40 PERCENT IN JANUARY. (SECRET) TOKYO 15045, 11/16 (EXDIS).

7. JAPANESE AVOID SHIFT TO MORE PRO-ARAB POLICY STANCE

FOLLOWING THE NOVEMBER 16 ANNOUNCEMENT OF EMERGENCY MEASURES TO CONSERVE ENERGY, JAPANESE CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY NIKAIDO READ A PREPARED STATEMENT WHICH WAS NOTABLE FOR ITS BRIEF MENTION OF THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. PRESS COMMENTARIES NOTED THE ABSENCE OF AN EXPECTED SHIFT TO A MORE PRO-ARAB POLICY STANCE AND ATTRIBUTED THIS TO A STRONG PERSUASIVE EFFORT BY SECRETARY KISSINGER DURING HIS TALKS WITH GOJ LEADERS.
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(UNCLASSIFIED) TOKYO 15056, 11/17.

8. BOGOTA CONFERENCE CHARACTERIZED BY ITS MODERATION

EMBASSY BOGOTA REPORTS THAT THE MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY ITS MODERATION, AND HAS PROGRESSED IN A PROFESSIONAL AND DISPASSIONATE MANNER. MEXICO EMERGED AS THE LEADER OF THE MORE RADICAL GROUP, WHILE BRAZIL LED THE MORE CONSERVATIVE PARTICIPANTS. GALO PLAZA ANALYZED FOR THE DELEGATES THE CHARACTER AND PERSONALITY OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AND EMPHASIZED THE SECRETARY'S INFLUENCE WITH CONGRESS. IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED THAT MEXICO WILL BE HOST TO THE MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY. (CONFIDENTIAL) BOGOTA 9404, 11/16.

9. SOLIDARITY PUTS AFRICA IN A NEW LIGHT

IN THE PAST YEAR THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) HAS ARRIVED AT A GREATER UNIFORMITY OF OPINION, A FACT WHICH IS ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT IN THE UN. THE FEAR OF DISUNITY HAS ALLOWED THE POSITION OF EIGHT ARAB OAU MEMBERS TO GREATLY INFLUENCE THE ATTITUDE OF THE MAJORITY TOWARD THE MIDDLE EAST. THE INTERLOCKING PATTERN OF EVENTS IN RECENT MONTHS WITHIN THE OAU, BETWEEN THE OAU AND THE UN, AND BETWEEN THE OAU AND THE MIDDLE EAST LEADS EMBASSY ACCRA TO SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT TAKE A NEW LOOK AT POLICIES CONCERNING AFRICA. (CONFIDENTIAL) ACCRA 6967, 11/16. KISSINGER

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